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SUBJECT: SHIP VISIT: U.S.S. TRIPPE, 16-18 FEBRUARY 1977

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1. THIS SCHEDULE REVISES AND SUPERSEDES THE SCHEDULE
IN REFTEL A:

SCHEDULE

16 FEBRUARY
0700 SHIP ARRIVES OFF PORT OF LOME. PILOT BOARDS. CONTROL
OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY TO BRIEF OFFICERS AND CREW ON
ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS.

0800 SHIP DOCKS AT NEW MINERALS QUAY. DCM BOARDS TO GIVE
OFFICERS AND CREW POLITICAL BRIEFING. AARMA ACCOMPANIES.

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0815 ON BOARD MONEY EXCHANGE OPENS. HOURS FOR MONEY EXCHANGE
0815-1000. TERMS AS AGREED TO IN REFTELS A AND B.
MONEY CAN BE EXCHANGED AT THE EMBASSY BETWEEN 1600-1700.

0830 CAPT. CALLS ON COL. ASSILA, SECOND IN COMMAND OF TOGOLESE
ARMED FORCES (FAT). DCM, AARMA, AND LT. GENG, CDR OF TWO-
SHIPS TOGOLESE NAVY, WILL ACCOMPANY. (NOTE: FAT VETOED CALL ON

FLIGHT SQUADRON.)

EMBASSY GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER MEETS SHIP'S CONTACT TO ASSIST WITH REFUELING AND SHIPS CHANDLER.

0900 SHUTTLE BUS STARTS (FAT WILL PROVIDE FREE OF CHARGE). SHORE PATROL LAND HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE EMBASSY. THE FAT IS PROVIDING PATROL VEHICLE FOR THEIR USE. SHORE PATROL WILL BE IN UNIFORM, NO RPT NO SIDE ARMS OR CLUBS.

0900 CAPT. CALLS ON MAYOR FOURN OF LOME.

0930 CAPT. CALLS ON AMBASSADOR PALMER.

1000 CAPT. CALLS ON DIRECTOR OF PORT KOUVEI AND/OR COMMANDANT OF PORT OTTINGER.

1020 CAPT. CALLS ON LT. GENG.

1045 AMB., ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF STAFF, VISITS AND TOURS SHIP.

1115 PRESS CONFERENCE ON BOARD SHIP BY CAPT. AND AMB. COL ASSILA HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. AMB. WILL HAVE PREPARED STATEMENT. CAPT. SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON MISSION OF SHIP AND ATLANTIC FLEET.

1230 FOUR PETTY OFFICERS INVITED TO THE TOGOLESE PATROL BOATS THE MONO AND THE KARA (TOGOLESE RIVER). FOR LUNCH. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1245 BUFFET LUNCH AT DCM'S RESIDENCE FOR AMERICAN OFFICERS RANK OF LIEUTENANT AND ABOVE WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND WIVES.

1400-1600 GENERAL VISITING - SHIP SHOULD PLAN TO PROVIDE CROWD CONTROL.

1700 VISIT BY INVITED GUESTS (50) WITH RECEPTION ON DECK (JUS D'HONNEUR).

1830 DINNER FOR EIGHT IN WARDROOM: AMB. PALMER, MR. YOUNG, LTC FOULDS, COL. ASSILA, LTC ALABDJO TCHAMA, LTC KOFFI KONGO, MAJOR BALOUKI, LT. GENG. (IF SOMEONE DROPS OUT CONTROL OFFICER MS. MORESE WILL SIT IN.)

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17 FEBRUARY

0630-0930 SPORTS ACTIVITIES. BECAUSE OF HEAT
NORMAL FAT PLAYING HOURS ARE 0500-0930.
HOWEVER, FAT HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO
INVITE SHIP'S TEAMS AT 0630. AT THAT TIME FAT WILL
BE PREPARED TO PLAY SOCCER, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL. BUSES
WILL BE PROVIDED TO TRANSPORT TEAMS TO MILITARY
CAMP TO PLAY. FAT SAYS IF SHIP'S TEAMS UP TO IT,
REMATCHES AVAILABLE AT 1600 HOURS.

0800-1000 MONEY EXCHANGE ON BOARD. AS NOTED, MONEY CAN
BE EXCHANGED AT THE EMBASSY BETWEEN 1600-1700.

0800 SHUTTLE BUS STARTS. SHORE PATROL TAKE UP
POSITIONS.

1000-1230 VISITS TO SHIP BY SPECIAL GROUPS.
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1. AMERICAN SCHOOL (50)
2. TOGOLESE SCHOOL (500)
3. DIPLOMATIC CORPS (50)
CAN SHIP HANDLE THIS NUMBER IN THE
TIME ALLOWED? PLEASE SUGGEST ALTERNATE
SCHEDULE IF NECESSARY.

1230 FAT PLAN TO GIVE LUNCHEON ON BOARD THE
MONO AND THE KARA FOR FOUR TO
FIVE SHIP'S OFFICERS AND AMB. FOUR PETTY OFFICERS
WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO JOIN THE CREW AS ON THE 16TH.

1230 LUNCHEON IN CREW'S DINING FACILITY FOR
20 BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS.

1400-1700 GENERAL VISITING - SHIP SHOULD PLAN TO PROVIDE
CROWD CONTROL. NUMBER OF VISITORS COULD BE LARGE.

1600-1800 SPORTS ACITIVITES IF YOU WISH. PLEASE ADVISE.

1600 SUPPLY OFFICER AVAILABLE TO PAY BILLS.

2000-2300 RECEPTION AND DANCE USING SHIP'S BAND AT AMB.'S
RESIDENCE. 300 PERSONS HAVE BEEN INVITED.

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2. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH MINISTRY OF TOURISM
TO SCHEDULE TOUR(S) OF CITY AND ENVIRONS. CAN YOU GIVE
US ESTIMATE OF HOW MANY PERSONS WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN A TOUR ON THE 17TH? TOUR WOULD BE FROM
0830-1230 - BUS AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE. COST PER MAN
1,800 CFA (\$6.80). TOUR INCLUDES VISIT TO LOCAL BREWERY.

3. FAT OFFICERS INQUIRED IF THERE ARE ANY GOOD
TENNIS PLAYERS ON BOARD. AMB. AND DCM PLAY AND HOPE
THAT SEVERAL FOURSOMES CAN BE MADE UP. TIME
FOR GAMES FLEXIBLE. TENNIS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT
MILITARY CAMP. ADVISE.

4. DO YOU PLAN TO USE ANY RADIO COMMUNICATION
WHILE IN PORT? IF YES, WHAT VHF OR HF FREQUENCIES DO
YOU INTEND TO USE?

5. IF YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO USE HELO ON BOARD, EMBASSY MUST
REQUEST FLIGHT CLEARANCE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS. CLEARANCES ALSO NECESSARY FOR DIVING.

6. EMBASSY HAS SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE INVITING PRESIDENT

EYADEMA TO VISIT SHIP. HIS MILITARY RANK IS GENERAL OF THE ARMY. CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT HE WILL ACCEPT. PLEASE BEGIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR VISIT BY HEAD OF STATE. HOPEFULLY VISIT WOULD INCLUDE 21-GUN SALUTE, NATIONAL ANTHEMS, A TOUR INCLUDING BRIDGE AND REFRESHMENTS IN APPROPRIATE PLACE. EYADEMA IS A VIGOUROUS MAN AND CAN KEEP UP WITH FASTEST PACED TOUR. WHEN EMBASSY RECEIVES FIRM REPLY WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF TIME. CAPT. WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY RETURN CALL ON PRESIDENT. AMB. WOULD ACCOMPANY.

7. EMBASSY SUGGESTS USE OF BILINGUAL INTERPRETERS TO ASSIST SHIP IN HANDLING TOURS DURING SPECIAL AND GENERAL VISITING HOURS. SINCE VEHICLES FOR CAPT., SHORE PATROL AND SHUTTLE BUS ARE GRATIS EMBASSY RECOMMENDS TRIPPE HIRE INTERPRETERS. ADVISE.

8. PROPOSALS FOR MJDC EVENING, FEB. 16, ACCEPTED. WHAT IS MJDC EVENING?

9. TOGOLESE MILITARY BEING UNCOMMONLY FORTHCOMING AND HELPFUL; AS NOTED BEFORE, THIS VISIT CAN HAVE VERY POSITIVE EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS IF IT COMES OFF WELL. EXPECT COOPERATION OF ALCON TO THIS END.
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